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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Inspector General's Representative

1. Subject meeting was held 5 March 1956 from 1100 to 1200 between [] of the Inspector General's staff and the undersigned.

2. [] began by explaining that he was engaged in a fact-finding tour of the Division and an analysis of its activities for the purpose of preparing a report for the Director together with whatever recommendations were determined to be appropriate. He stated that inasmuch as the Director, whenever presented with such a report, almost invariably gets down to specifics, we may as well start from that and develop into generalities later. He thereupon requested specific information as to exactly how many agent assets we controlled in our area.

3. He was informed that we had three agency-trained and dispatched agents in Latvia, one of them being under presumable RIS control. In response to his further inquiries, he was informed that one of our clean agents (Camuso 12) had been dispatched by air from Germany in August 1952, had recruited two legal resident agents who were reporting to him, and two others with safe-house facilities. It was explained that this agent used his W/T set for the receipt of our blind broadcasts to him and replied to us by means of S/W.

4. Our other clean agent (Cambaro 12) had been trained in the United States and had been dispatched by air from Germany in May 1954. He had recruited two legal resident agents with whom we were in independent contact and at least two other safe-house keepers. Mr. Eckles expressed an interest in learning all details, particularly regarding our communication arrangements. It was explained that Cambaro 12 received our messages by means of blind W/T broadcasts and replied by S/W, and that he did not use his W/T set for outgoing messages unless it was a matter of great urgency. Of the two agents that Cambaro 12 had recruited, one received his messages by blind W/T broadcast and replied by means of S/W only and the other agent had two-way S/W communications only.

5. [] brought up the matter of the infiltration of the two Agency-dispatched agents and indicated a thoroughly whole-hearted attitude favoring accomplishment of the task. He seemed to regard the Agency's moral obligation in the matter as being one of the foremost factors in favor of undertaking this task. It was explained to him that aside from any moral obligations involved or any positive benefits we would hope to obtain by a debriefing, we considered the infiltration of great importance because it would protect and preserve all the balance of our Latvian assets. It was pointed out that although Cambaro 12 has severed all

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connections with the two agents he recruited and has only a dead-drop arrangement with Camuso 12, he is aware of their true identities and locations; and in the event of capture, he would be forced to divulge this information. It was further stated that we considered it to be only a matter of time and inevitable that our two Agency-trained agents would be captured inasmuch as they were unable to legalize themselves. Documents procedures and controls were discussed at some length; and [] was informed that although our Doc intelligence was sufficiently good to provide agents with completely authentic documents, they were of limited value since they were not backstopped at the place of apparent issuance. Ways and means of accomplishing this backstopping were discussed.

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